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SUBJ: MK SHARIR VISIT TO U S

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 5156, (B) STATE 103716

1. AFTER WE ADVISED SHARIR OF CONTENTS REF B, HE DECIDED  
TO CANCEL HIS PLANNED STOPOVER IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH.  
HE, THEREFORE, RESPECTUFULLY DECLINES SUGGESTION TO MEET  
WITH QUANDT AND SAUNDERS AT THAT TIME.

2. HOWEVER, SHARIR PLANS TO RETURN TO THE US ON JUNE 1 AND  
SAYS HE COULD ARRANGE TO BE IN WASHINGTON AFTER  
JUNE 15 IF PRESIDENT CARTER COULD FIND IT CONVENIENT  
TO SEE HIM. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO CONVINCE HIM  
THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR WILL BE NO MORE AMENABLE  
IN JUNE THAN IN MAY, HE ASKED THAT WE PASS ALONG HIS  
REQUEST ON THE BASIS OF HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE  
PRESIDENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS SEEING "LIKUD  
LEADERS, TOO." -- A DIG AT THE LIKUD'S BELIEF IN  
WASHINGTON'S GREATER ACCESSABILITY TO ALIGNMENT  
POLITICIANS.

3. CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARIR'S POSITION AS  
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PARLIAMENTARY WHIP OF THE RULING PARTY, HIS PAST  
PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND THE APPARENT  
MISRROUTING OF SHARIR'S LETTER IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY  
RECOMMENDS THAT IF THE PRESIDENT CANNOT SEE HIM IN  
JUNE, CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO HIS MEETING VICE  
PRESIDENT MONDALE. WE ALSO URGE THAT, UNLESS THE  
PRESIDENT CAN SEE HIM, THE WHITE HOUSE CABLE A PERSONAL

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO SHARIR VIA EMBASSY TEL  
AVIV. (SHARIR'S DEPARTURE DATE FOR US IS APRIL 30.)  
WE SUGGEST DRAFT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, DEPENDING ON  
THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT:

4. "I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER AND  
YOUR INTEREST IN SEEING ME DURING YOUR FORTHCOMING  
VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES. I SINCERELY REGRET THAT  
MY FULL SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT OUR PERSONALLY  
RENEWING TIES WHICH, AS YOU NOTE, REACH BACK TO YOUR  
'GEORGIA DAYS.'

"I HAVE ASKED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO MEET WITH YOU  
AT YOUR MUTUAL CONVENIENCE. HE WILL BE ABLE TO BRIEF  
YOU ON CURRENT US THINKING REGARDING MIDDLE EAST  
DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL APPRECIATE HEARING YOUR OWN  
THOUGHTS AND JUDGMENTS.

"BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT", ETC.

5. AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY FIND IT HELPFUL TO HAVE  
CONTENTS OF SHARIR'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
MARCH 30, IT IS QUOTED BELOW:

6. "DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

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"I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO MEET YOU MANY TIMES DURING  
MY SERVICE AS ISRAELI ECONOMIC CONSUL IN ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA - 1970-1972.

"THOSE WERE WONDERFUL YEARS, AND I HAVE MANY PLEASANT  
MEMORIES FROM THE PEOPLE OF GEORGIA. WITH MANY OF  
THEM I STILL RETAIN CLOSE CONTACTS.

"YOU SHOULD, OF COURSE, RECALL MY INVITATION TO YOU TO  
VISIT ISRAEL FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE ISRAELI ECONOMIC  
CONFERENCE IN 1973 IN JERUSALEM.

"I CONGRATULATED YOU ON YOUR INAUGURATION AND IN RETURN  
I RECEIVED A LETTER INVITING ME TO VISIT WITH YOU IN  
THE WHITE HOUSE ON ANY OF MY FUTURE VISITS.

"I WAS ELECTED LAST YEAR TO THE KNESSET AND I AM SERVING  
NOW AS A CHAIRMAN OF THE LIKUD PARLIAMENTARY FACTION.

"I PLAN TO BE IN THE STATES AT THE FIRST PART OF MAY  
1978, AND I WILL CONSIDER IT AS A GREAT PRIVILEGE IF YOU  
CAN SPARE A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR PRECIOUS TIME, SO I

CAN AGAIN MEET A MAN FOR WHOM I ALWAYS HAD GREAT  
ADMIRATION.

"SINCERELY YOURS, ABRAHAM SHARIR, MK, CHAIRMAN OF THE  
LIKUD PARLIAMENTARY FACTION." VIETS

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